

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on March 19, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)
Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary
Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 89, 3/12/2007
Executive Action: SB 23; SB 12; SB 16

HEARING ON SB 89

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:21 Sen. Carol Williams (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 89, Providing for breast feeding in the workplace.

[EXHIBIT\(edh58a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh58a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh58a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:31 Kathleen McCarthy, Bureau Chief, Department of Public Health and Human Services

00:09:04 Lynn Hellenga, Bozeman

00:12:57 Julie Serstad, Director of Health Services, Missoula County Health Department

[EXHIBIT\(edh58a04\)](#)

00:15:59 Jennifer Stires, Public Health Nurse, Missoula City County Health Department, Missoula

00:23:55 Mardi Mountford, Executive Vice President, International Formula Council

[EXHIBIT\(edh58a05\)](#)

00:32:36 Dana Holzer, working mother

00:33:42 Christy Benning, working mother and teacher

00:34:39 Karen Powell, Helena State Employee and mother

00:37:10 Jenny Kaleczyc, Attorney and mother

[EXHIBIT\(edh58a06\)](#)

00:39:30 Debbie Skibicki, Helena, State Employee

00:43:00 Wendy Stewart, Human Resources, Lewis & Clark County

00:44:41 Erin Turner, Helena, working mother also speaking for Anne Kronn, Montana State Employee

00:47:46 Jeri Duran, Montana State Employee and mother

00:49:13 Moriah Bucy, Montana State Employee and mother

00:50:59 Stacey Anderson, mother and former State Employee

[EXHIBIT\(edh58a07\)](#)

00:52:43 Erica Miller, graduate student and mother

00:54:10 Chris Fogelman, Registered Dietician and Licensed Nutritionist

[EXHIBIT\(edh58a08\)](#)

00:54:52 Don Judge, representing Montana Nurses Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:55:54 Jerry Keck, Employment Relations Division, Department of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:13 Rep. Butcher
00:57:20 Sen. Williams
00:57:55 Rep. Butcher
00:59:04 Rep. Ward
00:59:44 Sen. Williams
00:59:52 Chairman Jore
01:00:32 Sen. Williams
01:01:21 Chairman Jore

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:46 Sen. Carol Williams

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 12

01:05:09 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **SB 12 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:05:57 Rep. Raser

01:07:05 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. Jore voting no and Reps. Hamilton, O'Hara, Everett, Lake and Lange voting by proxy. Rep. Raser will carry SB 12.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 16

01:09:01 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **SB 16 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:09:43 Rep. Wilmer
01:10:01 Rep. Koopman

01:10:35 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. Jore voting no and Reps. Hamilton, O'Hara, Everett, Lake and Lange voting by proxy. Rep. Pomnichowski will carry SB 16.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 23

01:11:57 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **SB 23 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:12:15 Rep. Butcher
01:12:46 Rep. Raser

01:13:52 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 7-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cordier, Grinde, Hamilton, Raser, Ward, and Wilmer voting aye and Reps. Hamilton, O'Hara, Everett, Lake and Lange voting by proxy.

01:14:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher moved that **SB 23 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** 11-4 by voice vote with Reps. Bixby, Raser, Hamilton and Wilmer voting no and Reps. Hamilton, O'Hara, Everett, Lake and Lange voting by proxy.

Discussion:

01:15:22 Rep. Grinde
01:16:07 Chairman Jore
01:16:15 Rep. Raser
01:17:04 Chairman Jore
01:17:33 Rep. Raser
01:17:52 Susan Fox, Legislative Services Division

Additional Exhibit:

[EXHIBIT \(edh58a09\)](#)

Pertaining to HB 89

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:22 P.M.

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

RJ/db

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([edh58aad.pdf](#))